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# English Comprehension Test - 1

## Questions 1

1- Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement?  
Most of us fail in our efforts at self improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out.

2- Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody?

The fundamental or basic mistake of announcing our resolution to everybody that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways.

3- Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day?

An overnight party on New Year's Eve provided the writer with a good excuse for not carrying out either of the new resolutions (that writer decided to do) on the first day of the year.

4- Find out the words in the above passage which conveys the similar meaning to the following:

a) Intimidating  
formidable ✓

b) Peril  
Pitfall ✓

c) dwindle  
waned ✓

d) repel  
drag ✗

e) Bait  
pretending ✗

Feedback:  
a- Answer must start from the question statement  
b- It should be of at least 2 sentences; single sentence answer is not permissible  
c- Do not add your own opinion unless you are asked for; ideas must be contextual to the passage  
d- Avoid replicating phrases from the passage; you may extract/copy words from it.  
e- Give a closing end to each answer  
f- Ideal length of answer is 5-7 lines. Avoid too lengthy answers  
g- Also, do not begin answers with the words, "Yes, No, And or Because"